

BACHELOR 2023-2024

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK



Stress
Structure
Smoking

Total
Ratio ←

76%
dispersion
environment

process
of
action



**EMPOWER PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES. BUILD CONNECTIONS. CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE HEALTHY AND INCLUSIVE GLOBAL SOCIETY. START MAKING A DIFFERENCE TODAY AND SIGN UP FOR INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK AT HAN!
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OPEN UP NEW HORIZONS.

**HAN UNIVERSITY
OF APPLIED SCIENCES**

PROFESSION

International Social Work at HAN trains you to work together with local communities in an international setting. You work systematically and with proven methods. Setting up projects. Liaising with local and international contacts. Connecting people. Your aim? To empower the individuals and communities you work with. So that they become more resilient and self-reliant.

The world today is more connected than ever. Changes in one country have a direct effect on the rest of the world. That's why it's so important to have knowledge of human rights, the problem of poverty, and climate change. That's where you as a social worker come in. You empower communities to tackle such issues from the ground up. Always in collaboration with the involved parties. And always in a sustainable manner.

JOBS

- Social worker
- Social-cultural worker
- Youth worker in a multicultural community
- Social worker in a refugee camp
- Project leader in community development
- Social project developer for victims of natural disasters

A GOOD MATCH?

- Are you interested in global themes and issues?
- Would you like to contribute to improving the world?
- Do you find it important to have a career that's meaningful?
- Do you like working with people from different cultures?
- Are you keen on travelling and are you adventurous?
- Are you a good team player?

YES? Then the program is a good match for you!

BROAD NETWORK

HAN has been running the Dutch-taught social work degree for many years now. So we've built up a broad network. We collaborate with health care organizations. Community organizations. Government bodies. And partner universities. In both the Netherlands and abroad. We're also linked to the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work.

PROGRAM IN BRIEF

THEORY AND PRACTICE

Theory and practice are closely linked at HAN. Your lecturers guide you through all the current research on international social work. At the same time, you dive straight into practice. Allowing you to apply the methodologies you learn in a real work setting.

In your 1st year you work as an intern for 1 day a week. Where? At an internationally-oriented organization in the Netherlands. From your 2nd year your internship intensifies in time, complexity and responsibility. And you go abroad for this. So you'll have plenty of opportunities to put what you've learned into practice. In real communities.

SPECIALIZATION

Social work is a very broad field. When you graduate from this program, you'll be specialized in Community Development and Inclusive Society.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

1st year

- Introduction to Social Work Theory
- Psychology & Pedagogy
- Theories on Communities
- Critical and Ethical Considerations
- Target-Group Analysis
- Development of Social Participation
- Community Development
- Contacting Target Groups
- Individual and Group Counselling
- Creative Skills
- Professional Writing Skills
- Profile Building and Presenting
- Internship (one day a week)

2nd year

- Empowerment in Social Work
- Voluntary and Involuntary Contexts
- Psychology & Sociology
- Guiding Groups
- Network Development
- Motivational Interviewing
- Social Research
- Social Technology
- Creative Skills
- Internship (two days a week during 2 months)

3rd year

- Specialization Program: Community Development & Inclusive Society
- Internship
- Social and Participatory Action Research (on location)

4th year

- Social and Participatory Action Research (on location)
- Elective Minor Program

BUILD YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In your 2nd, 3rd and 4th year you do an internship. You have to spend at least 1 semester of internship abroad. Where you might go? That could be anywhere in the world.

You could be working at a refugee camp. Setting up a health, sports or music program in the slums of Bangalore. Or in the townships in South Africa. Working on better job opportunities for youth. Creating healthy environments. Fighting against air pollution during a unique bicycle project in Morocco. In collaboration with local professionals and possibly together with a student from another discipline.

In your 4th year you get hands-on experience at designing and conducting your very own research project. The type of research? Participatory action research. That means your starting point is an actual need within the community. A need you identified in your 3rd-year internship. And you won't just make recommendations in a report. You'll actually set up and execute the project. A project that impacts the lives of real people.

WHY STUDY INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK AT HAN?

One of a kind

This is the only international bachelor degree in social work in the Netherlands.

International community development

At the end of this program, you'll be a specialist in community development. A growing field within social work.

Practice-based

Spend loads of time gaining experience in the field. Putting the theory into practice. Having immediate impact.

Creative methods

Focus on creative methods within social work. Sport. Art. Drama. Music. Games. Use these to connect and activate people.

Work anywhere

You learn to work in an intercultural context. So, once you graduate, you can make a valuable contribution anywhere in the world.

MASTER DEGREE?

Ambitious? Keen to further your education? Want a position with more responsibility? Make sure you choose a transfer minor during your studies. This prepares and qualifies you for a master degree at a research university. For example, the Masters in Community Development at Utrecht University. A perfect match for HAN students with a Bachelor of Social Work. Or what about doing a master degree in another country?

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma of secondary education
- Fluency in English:
 - IELTS > 6.0
 - TOEFL > 80 (Internet based)
 - Cambridge certificate: FCE Grade C (minimum score 169 / CAE / CPE)

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CREDITS AND STUDY LOAD

HAN uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). It's the standard for higher education across Europe. When you pass your exams or assignments, you receive credits.

Credits are based on study load:

- 1 ECTS credit = 28 hours of study

How many credits do you get in 1 academic year?

- 60 ECTS credits = 1,680 hours of study

What if you don't gain all 60 credits in the 1st year? Because you failed some subjects or fell behind? That's OK. You can miss some credits and catch up later.

Each program sets its own minimum number of required credits for the 1st year. For International Social Work this is 45.



Social work is the fastest growing profession in the world because more and more governments realize we need social work to run good societies.

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OPEN DAYS

Interested in International Social Work? Or our other programs? Join one of our Online Open Days. Talk to our students. Ask all your questions. Get a tour through our campuses and much more!

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NEXT STEPS IN ORIENTATION

Interested in studying at HAN University of Applied Sciences? Want to find out more first? Come and meet us! Either online or in person. Here's how you can meet our lecturers, students and alumni:

- Open Days
- Education Fairs
- Information Sessions
- Online Meeting
- Student for a Day

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Step 1

Apply on Studielink.nl, the central online application tool for higher education in the Netherlands.

Step 2

Send the necessary documents. HAN Admissions Office emails you about which documents to send.

Step 3

You're invited for a Skype interview to check whether the program is a good match for you.

Step 4

Find out whether you've been accepted. HAN Admissions Office emails you the outcome of your application.

Step 5

Received the acceptance letter? Paid the tuition fees? You're officially a HAN student!

IN SHORT



Location

Nijmegen



Language

English



Program duration

4 years



Program start

September



Study load per week

Contact hours (online or offline): 20
Study and practice hours: 20



Degree

Bachelor of Social Work



Graduation percentage

81% of all students graduate within 5 years

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